
Title: House of the Rosewood

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This Great House began
as a group of
mercenaries for hire, led
by a noble warrior named
William Tryon. Their
exploits in the various
conflicts of the day grew
legendary and it wasn't
long before their fame
had spread throughout the
realm. A Noble Lord
brought them into his
service and immediately
sent William's men to
conquer a neighboring
fiefdom. The Mercenaries
were up to the task and
they easily drove back
their opponents, eventually
destroying them in a
momentous battle in the
heart of the Rosewood,
east of Britain. As they
prepared to ride home to
their Lord and collect
their sizable bonus, word
came to them that an
army of Lizardmen had
swept out of the swamps
and sacked a nearby
village - a village that
had been under the
protection of the very
army the Mercenaries had
just defeated. Without a
second thought, William
Tryon and his men turned
their mounts and rode to
the village where they
found a force of
monsters equal to twenty
times their own number.
The men of Tryon's
Mercenaries fought with
ferocity and absolutely
decimated this monstrous
army, driving the
Lizardmen back to the

swamps in retreat. In the end, only William himself survived, but he was barely holding on to his life force. The villagers who had managed to hide when the monsters invaded, brought William to the only place they knew he might be helped... to their Liege Lord.

When William had been brought before the Noble Lord, the very man that had lost his lands and his armies to William's Mercenaries, the Noble gave his greatest efforts to heal William. He quickly realized that he would fail. Yet, he had been so moved by the sacrifice of William, his enemy, that he tore out his sword and Knighted him on his deathbed. The last words William heard as he fell into eternal slumber were, "Ye shall be known from this day forward as Sir William Tryon, Knight and Elder of the House of the Rosewood." Upon learning of this, William's employer quickly sent diplomats to his conquered neighbor, celebrating the Heraldry of the House of Rosewood and offering peace and protection to his former for.